

4 August 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 4 August 1980

Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting. []

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[] reported NIEs on Soviet Military Intentions and Capabilities in Space (11-1-80) and the Arab/Israeli Military Balance, 1980-85 (35/36-80) will be reviewed by the NFIB on 6 August. []

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McMahon said LA Division reports that Castro's willingness to provide Cuban armed support to Angola was self-generated, but Cuban support elsewhere has been in response to Soviet requests. He noted Castro's verbal support of the invasion of Afghanistan resulted from Soviet pressure and has placed Cuba's leader in a tenuous situation re his role as head of the Non-Aligned Movement. []

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[] said Harry Fitzwater is attending his father's funeral in Colorado. []

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Lipton reported Congressional approval of the Director's request to reprogram [] in the Agency's 1981 budget. He said also his office is working with RMS re 1982 program issues including DCI tentative decisions and that he will provide guidance to CIA Deputy Directors for the preparation of Mr. Carlucci's appeal. []

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Hetu reported New York Times columnist David Burnham is on assignment to prepare an op ed article which deals with Bush vs. Snapp re CIA prereview of public statements, etc. He said Burnham is not antagonistic toward CIA and is seeking Hetu's help in preparation of the article. Relatedly, Mr. Carlucci said he would contact Bush's adviser Jim Baker today. []

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Hetu reported SSCI spokesman Spencer Davis has requested a briefing relating to UPI's Dan Gilmore investigation of Interpress (a KGB front organization seeking UN recognition as a Third World news agency and which would deny access to UPI, AP, etc.). He said Davis' concern relates to an Interpress subsidiary in Western Europe called Insider which may be propagandizing from the Church Committee report. []

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Hitz said SSCI staffers Epstein and Shaw have requested a briefing today on details relating to papers passed last Friday by OLC to the Senate Judiciary special subcommittee dealing with the Billy Carter/Libya relationship. A brief discussion followed on which agency officers would be best suited to provide the briefing. Hitz said also a letter has been received from the HPSCI requesting, though at a lesser level of interest, intelligence information on the Billy Carter/Libya relationship. Mr. Carlucci advised that the HPSCI be provided a copy of the same information package forwarded to the Senate side.

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Silver said the White House has withdrawn its request for advance copies of intelligence information provided to Congressional committees re Billy Carter/Libya. He explained the White House decision resulted from his advice to Cutler's assistant Alfred Moses that such advance copies would require approval from the Hill.

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